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For God so loved...

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because.....” Lk 4:18-19

Leader: O God, we long for Your presence within our lives.

All: O Beloved, awaken our hearts as new shoots for breaking forth in the springtime.

Leader: Loving God, we gather to hear anew the Good News for humanity.

All: Come as the wind which moves among us to transform our responses to this changing world.

Reading: He came to Nazareth, where He had grown up, and went according to His custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” Rolling up the scroll, He handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” *Luke 4:16-21*

Reflection: How have you been anointed by God? To whom are you invited to help? How do you listen to the Holy Spirit?

(Pause)

All: Loving God, may we love You in all things and above all things. Nothing is good that is against Your will, and all that is good comes from You. Place in our hearts a desire to please You and fill our minds with thoughts of Your love so that we may grow in Your Wisdom and enjoy Your Peace. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen